

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Federal-State Joint Board on)	CC Docket No. 96-45
Universal Service)	
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Public Service Cellular, Inc. Petition for)	
Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications)	
Carrier in the States of Georgia and Alabama)	
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ALLTEL Communications, Inc. Notification of)	
Relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications)	
Carrier Designation in Certain Non-Rural Wire)	
Centers)	

**ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATION OF
RELINQUISHMENT IN CERTAIN
NON-RURAL WIRE CENTERS**

On March 18, 2005, ALLTEL Communications, Inc. (“ALLTEL”) filed, pursuant to Section 54.205 of the Commission’s rules, a Notification of Relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in Certain Non-Rural Wire Centers (“Notification”) respecting areas in Georgia and Alabama served by mobile service operations acquired by ALLTEL from Public Service Cellular, Inc. (“PSC”) at the end of February, 2005.¹ ALLTEL hereby withdraws its Notification.

The ALLTEL/PSC transaction was structured as a purchase of select assets, including the wireless subscriber lines supported by the mobile service operations of PSC, rather than a merger

¹ ALLTEL Communications, Inc. Notification of Relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in Certain Non-Rural Wire Centers, CC Docket No. 96-45 (Mar. 18, 2005) (“Notification”).

or acquisition of equity. ALLTEL did not acquire PSC as an entity. Consequently, the FCC licenses and authorizations held by PSC were assigned, rather than transferred, to ALLTEL.² Prior to their acquisition by ALLTEL, these mobile service operations received universal service support pursuant to an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) designation obtained by PSC (“*PSC ETC Order*”).³ ALLTEL seeks withdrawal of its Notification and further clarifies that it makes no claim under or pursuant to PSC’s ETC designation and that it does not purport to relinquish or otherwise modify PSC’s ETC designation or any portion thereof.⁴ Further, ALLTEL requests that the withdrawal be effected without prejudice to any request by ALLTEL

² The Commission granted the applications filed by PSC and ALLTEL to assign all of the assets, Section 214 authorizations and radio licenses held by PSC to ALLTEL in early February 2005. FCC International Section 214 Assignment Application, *Public Service Cellular, Inc., Assignor, and ALLTEL Communications, Inc., Assignee*, IBFS File No. ITC-ASG-20050111-00009 (filed Jan. 11, 2005); FCC Public Notice, *International Authorizations Granted*, DA No. 05-372, at 3 (Feb. 10, 2005); FCC Form 603, *Public Service Cellular, Inc., Assignor, and ALLTEL Communications, Inc., Assignee*, ULS File No. 0001993328 (filed Jan. 6, 2005); FCC Public Notice, *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Assignment of License Authorization Applications, Transfer of Control of License Applications, De Facto Transfer Lease Applications and Spectrum Manager Lease Notifications Action*, Rpt. No. 2062, at 42-44 (Feb. 2, 2005). Those assignments were consummated on February 28, 2005 by ALLTEL’s purchase of PSC’s assets, including all of its CMRS operations in Georgia and Alabama.

³ *Public Service Cellular, Inc. Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the States of Georgia and Alabama*, CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 05-259 (Jan. 31, 2005) (“*PSC ETC Order*”).

⁴ ALLTEL notes that its request for universal service support was based upon its willingness to continue to provide the supported services and the fact that it had purchased lines previously subject to support pursuant to PSC’s ETC Order. (*See* 47 C.F.R. § 54.305). ALLTEL will forego support until such time as ALLTEL may otherwise seek to obtain ETC status in its own right for those wire centers covered by the assets purchased from PSC. ALLTEL has received no support to date for the lines obtained from PSC. Consequently, and until such time as ALLTEL seeks and receives ETC status in its own right for the affected wire centers, it will not provide the supported services. ALLTEL has reviewed the subscribership obtained from PSC and determined that no lifeline or link-up services are currently being provided to any former PSC subscriber.

at a later date to modify its own ETC designations in Georgia and Alabama⁵ to cover the service areas encompassed by the CMRS assets purchased from PSC.

Respectfully submitted,

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⁵ *ALLTEL Communications, Inc. Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Alabama*, 19 FCC Rcd 20496 (WCB 2004).